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CHURCHILL SCORED, SEELY

Lloyd George May Head a New Ministry, Is Report Which Is Current in London Today. Secretary of War of Asquith Ministry,

Radical and Labor Members of House of Commons Score Government for Surrender to Army.

LONDON, March 25 .- Amidst the wildat confusion in the house of commons. uring which Winston Churchill, first ord of the admiralty, lost his composure nd was rebuked by the speaker, the equith cabinet today fought for its

The resignation of Col. J. B. Seely as inister of war, was announced on the

trade organizations and the Merchants' nosen to have the entire cabinet stand and Manufacturers' Association of Bal- reduced. r fail together in the crisis, when he timore, today began a determined effort to have Washington and Baltimore innmounced late today that he would not cluded in the route of the Lincoln high-way from New York to San Francisco. Immediately after the selection of the committee, Col. R. N. Harper, chair-man, announced that a meeting will be called within the next few days at which a subcommittee will be appointccept Colonel Seely's resignation. Defends King George.

Colonel Seely heatedly declared sug-

estions that King George interfered in any way with the situation growing out the refusal of army officers to serve n Ulster, were without the slightest oundation. Premier Asquith places the lame for the entire crisis on Seely and e War Secretary publicly accepted full responsibility.
Churchill admitted when questioned that a squadron of battleships had been ordered to the Irish coast because of possible disturbances, but was later recalled.

The chamber was then thrown into an proar when L. S. Amery asked Churchiff he had not hoped that his "pre-autionary measures would lead to oodsshed."

Advances On Amery.

outed Churchill, as he advanced

ard Amery. Churchill was sternly rebuked for hat the speaker termed his "unparliahat the speaker termed his "unparlia-entary language." Members were on their feet, shaking eir fists and rallying to the support Amery or Churchill before order was

There is a report current that David might head a new ministry case the present one resigns.

Following the announcement of his esignation Colonel Seely sought to reve the cabinet of all responsibility for the surrender of the government to the

my officers. He presented a pitiful spectacle as he ced and countered in an effort to anwer some of the questions put to him der a searching cross-examination. He exonerated General Paget, Sir John ench, the war council and the cabinet assuming the entire responsibility. He clared he had inadvertently misled the binet with honest intent by adding the instructions to the cabinet docuwithout knowing it was final. explain the statement of eneral Paget last week that "the Seely said it meant the press

with General the said, did not know that the ly intention was to support the civil utherities, and he explained there was intention of shooting down the lister men. Seely added:

Then General Gough said: Since ere has been a misunderstanding we in said he support the civil ster men. Seely added:

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Restoration of Posts Civil Steron Civil St

seely said he agreed and drew up the atement, which has only added to the assenss of feeling between the ariscratic and democratic factions in the

ngdom.
The war minister in further explaining office document, pleaded that did not have a memoranda of oral structions which were sent to General aget. He declared that in view of atmpts to subvert discipline. General art had requested that special steps taken to insure prompt obedience to

The question of officers resigning did come up, he sa'd, until the Curragh cident, although fourteen officers had keed permission to qualify their sor-ces. This was refused. General Gough where they deliberately defied the

IN CONGRESS TODAY.

let at noon

ecretary of State Bryan before the Foreign Relations Committee on arbitigtion treaties. aval Committee refused to recommend reinstatement of Captain Potts in ac-

tive list of navy.

authing and Currency Committee meets
and considers rural credits legislation. opy of Ambassador Page's speech sent

Enyon resolution for investigation of cost of living of wage earners in Dis-trict favorably reported. HOUSE. fouse met at noon.

itesumed discussion of bill prohibiting importation of products of convict and pauper labor. ostoffice Committee reported Senate bill for lower postal rates on seeds and bulbs.

and ours.

orector Smith, of Geological Survey,
favored bill before Public Lants Commatter for leasing of coal, ol, and shosphate lands.

FORCED OUT BY ROW

COL. J. B. SEELY,

Who Seeks Retirement.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY

Washington and Baltimore Start

With the appointment of a committee

chants' and Manufacturers' Associatio

at a conference with the committee representing the Chamber of Commerce

and the Retail Merchants' Association

Washington will take the initiative in

the endeavor to have the two cities placed on the map of the highway. The

present proposed route does not cross

The Capital's Argument.

The argument of the committee will

not include the National Capital, where the martyred President spent the most

to the active list. The cause of Cap-

TUMULTY DENIES

MEXICAN TALKED

It was officially denied at the

White House today that Senor

Algara, Mexican charge, and

President Wilson had con-

ferred last night. The story

circulated quoted Algara as

having presented to the Pres-

ident, new plans for the re-

sumption of negotiations be-

tween Huerta and the United

'The story is absolutely un-

true," said Secretary Tumul-

ty. "Senor Algara did not

see the President nor send a

communication to him, of any

WITHPRESIDENT

tain Potts had considerable

Mason and Dixon's line.

ners, aided by Washington

101 Miles.

Campaign to Extend Route

CHEAPER RATES

C. C. Begins Hearings of President Holds Long Talk Complaints as Result of Delivery Abolishment.

CASES CONSOLIDATED TO

Merchants Tell How Cost of Wilson Not in Sympathy With Dravage Adds Considerably to Their Freight Bills.

Washington's business interests began their fight before the Interstate Commerce Commission today to force reducbeen to add a minimum charge of 5 ers. cents a hundred pounds to railroad freight bills for haulage.

The contention of the Washington statements of the attorneys and in the testimony of rate experts, is that the rates in effect prior to the elimination rates should have been correspondingly

Cases Are United.

To facilitate the hearing, in the Interstate Commerce room of the New Willard Hotel, Examiner A. S. Pugh permitted the consolidation of cases brought by O. J. De Moll & Co. against the Southern Railway and other roads her husband, she has accomplished much entering Washington, in which suit the in the way of educating Congress as ed to confer with representatives of the board of directors of the Lincoln Highway Association, either at the association's headquarters in Detroit or chante' Association intervened, and the less city. case of Judd & Detweller, Inc., against the Baltimore and Ohio and other rail- an hour, during which time Commis-

in this city. It is probable, Colonel Harper said, that an invitation will be extended to the association to send its representatives to Washington. Harper said, that an invitation will be extended to the association to send its representatives to Washington.

Louis Is 3400 Miles Long.

This conference, the claims of the National Capital and the Monumental City will be fully presented. The route of the Lincoln highway as at present outlined is by way of Philadelphia and Gettysburg, a length of 3,400 miles.

To include Washington and Baltimore will add 101 miles to the highway. Assurances that this can be accomplished without additional cost to the association through private subscriptions and attent through private subscriptions and sustement Company, who was employed sustement Company, who was employed sustement Company, who was employed ation through private subscriptions and aid from the State of Maryland were given by representatives of the Merjustment Company, who was employed as rate expert to aid the Washington merchants in their case.

Bigger Freight Bills.

last September his firm had received an had no sympathy whatever with the bonds are secured by the piedge of 16 average of 2,000 pounds of freight a Crisp and other bills seeking to wipe per cent of their face value. The which was delivered at his away the half-and-half principle.

without additional drayage Since that date, his drayage amounted to from \$\$ to \$10 a\$

He considered this additional said Commissioner Newman, amount an increase in his freight rate.

M. M. Caskie, the rate expert of the Washington complainants, accompanied his testimony with exhibts showing that be that the name "Lincoln highway" the Washington rates were actually would be a misnomer if the route did made in the first instance to cover this

(Continued on Second Page.) will be that a highway from coast to coast should, by crossing Mason and Dixon's line, cement the bond between the North and the South. The Washington committee is composed of R. N. Harper, Isaac Gans, R. P. Andrews, Joseph Stoddard, James F. Oyster, William F. Gude, A. Leftwich Sinclair, Cuno H. Rudolph, Theodore W. Noyes, Ira Bennett, Clinton T. Brainard, E. C. Grahamett, Clinton OF PAGE'S SPEECH

Verbatim Copy Varies Much From Accounts Which Caused Storm Here.

The State Department today forwarded to the Senate a verbatim copy of at a meeting today went on record Ambassador Page's speech to the Lon as a meeting today went on record as a meeting today went on record don Chamber of Commerce on March restore Capt. T. M. Potts of the navy 11, newspaper accounts of which caused the Senate to demand its exact text. Concerning the Panama Canal, Amin committee and a fight may yet re-sult on the floor of the Senate. bassador Page, according to his transcript, said:

"I will not say that we constructed the Panama Canal even for you. For I am speaking with great frankness. and not with d plomatic indirection. We built it for reasons of our own. But I will say that it adds to the pleasure of building that great work that you will prefit by it. * I can say a similar thing about the recent lowering of our tariff. We did not lower it in order to please you. It was for purposes that we considered economically sound for ourselves. Nevertheless, it added to the pleasure of doing that to reflect that thereby we should have more trade with

"Concerning the recent message of the President, I take it upon myself, on my own responsibility, to say this: He my own responsibility, to say this: He de'ivered that message, not to please you, but to express the true sentiment you, but to express the true sentiment and self-respect of the American nation.

As I interpret it, his was the voice of the people. Nevertheless, it adds to the pleasure of hearing that voice to know

pleasure of hearing that voice to know that it does please you."

Concerning the Mouroe dectrine, Ambassador Page said:

"" You may be assured that the third that the United States " welcome your investments in any part of the Americas, provided only you do not the Americas, provided only you do not the Americas, provided only you have been seen that you have possible." make them so that you may possibly take the country with them. The Mon-roe doctrine meant this, when it was first formulated, that the United States would object to any European governwould object to any European govern-ment's taking more land in the New-World. In those days the only wa-that a foreign government could ga's land was literally to go and take it. Now we have more refined methods of to take it. That is the only protest that the United States has ever whis-

DISTRICT HEADS AT WHITE HOUSE FOR CONFERENCE

With Commissioners Over Affairs of the Capital.

HE SHOWS AN INTIMATE EXPEDITE EXAMINATION | KNOWLEDGE OF CONDITIONS

> Those Who Propose Drastic Tax Plan.

Every phase of the various vexing problems confronting the government of the District of Columbia was contion in freight rates to cover the loss sidered this afternoon at a long consustained by the discontinuance of free ference at the White House between the store delivery, the result of which has President and the District Commission-

For the first time in months the President today found opportunity to take up a thorough consideration o shippers, as outlined in the opening these questions, in all of which he is deeply interested.

Washington, as the Capital City of the county, he has always felt, should be the most deadly variety, according to of store-door delivery were made to the model municipality of the United reports from General Velasco, comcover the cost of this service, and that States. Its administration, its methods manding the besieged federal troops. of twenty-four citizens, the District when the delivery was eliminated the of taxation, its systems of accounting. paving, fire and police control, and all manship, Velasco reported, and their the features that go to make up the new shells have created havoc among government here, he believes should be the federals, the best that brains can devise.

> Mrs. Wilson Interested. Mrs. Wilson is no less interested o the side of the social problems of the munity, and already with the aid of

oners Newman and Siddons submitted a summary of needs which they have observed since they took office last mer. During the first part of the onference they did most of the talking. At the close the President took up each question in turn and showed a vide familiarity with the local situation. He is understood to have indicated to the Commissioners his desire for a and individuals. thorough study by an impartial commission of experts into the question of taxthe half-and-half principle. It is said the President has small sympathy with members of Congress who have been disposed to ride roughshod over the George H. Judd testified that prior to people of this city. He is said to have

> Newman Explains Conferences. "Our conference with the President." said Commissioner Newman, merely a continuation of the conferences we had with him last summer and fall, when we spent an hour with him on each occasion explaining conditions in the District of Columbia, in order that he might, first, have com-

> way in which we administer the District of Columbia is a big and we were unable to cover it in the two previous meetings. Owing to the pressure of important matters of national character on the President, we ald not seek to renew our discussion of District affairs with him until today. We talked on a number of subjects concerning the District, but do not feel at liberty at this time to say what they

Br'er Fox said he just couldn't be-

Br'er Bear said he wouldn't listen

And old Br'er Rabbit said that if

they couldn't get down to business

he was going back to the fields and

All this happened at the Animal

Congress this morning when it was

announced that Br'er Otter had been

kidnaped from his domicile in the

Br'er Lion rose to a question of

enimal privilege and made the an-

"I think," said Br'er Lion, "that

we should offer a substantial reward

for the safe return of Br'er Otter

and the arrest and conviction of his

kidnaper. Br'er Otter is one of our smaller members. He is not us big

and strong as some of the rest. We

Sought For Rich Coat.

"Now, whoever heard of such fool-

ishness." said Br'er Fox. "Who'd

kidnap Br'er Otter? While it is true that he usually carries rather valu-

able personal belongings with him in

the shape of a coat of fur much

sought for its beauty, it is ridiculous to suppose that any one would kidnap him. His parents were sacri-ficed long ago for their fur and Br'er Otter has no rich relatives to

pay a ransom.
"They say Brier Otter has been looking much into the cup that cheers, and while I do not state it as a fact, it is my personal opinion have have

that John Barleycorn may have

National Zoological Park.

should look after him."

to such nonsense.

eat cabbage.

nouncement.

Kidnaping of Otter

Rebels Battering Torreon With New Deadly Shells DYING FRON

AT REPORT FROM HIS TROOPS

Federals Prepare to Fight Advance of Rebels Toward Mexico City.

HUERTA CLOSES FORCED DEAL FOR A BIG LOAN

Bankers Will Let Him Have \$3,000,000. Half to Be Delivered at Once.

MEXICO CITY, March 25.-Genera reon with a new and unfamiliar shell of The rebels displayed excellent marks-Officers of the Huerta government

after receiving the report, made no effort to conceal their concern for the fate of Torreon, and are preparing for a determined campaign against the rebels when they begin their march to Chamber of Commerce and Retail Mer- to the proper way to make this a slum- Mexico City, after securing Torreon as base for operations.

New Loan For Huerta. President Huerta will receive a loan of approximately \$53,000,000, or 100,000,000 perce, as a result of a plan agreed upon by bankers today. Fifty million pesos are to be furnished at once, and the balance as required. The loan was forced by General Huerta, who threatened the establishment of a federal bank and a heavy tax on corporation

The result will be the resumption on April 1 of the interest payments on for-The plan involves the issuance treasury notes against the unsold bal-ance of bonds authorized in May, 1912 to the amount of \$100,000,000. These bonds are to be placed with the Mexican banks

Villa May Be in Trap In Suburb of Torreon

EL PASO, Tex., March 25.-Torreon has not yet fallen, according to the belief expressed here by careful observers of the Huertistas in northern Mexico. plete information concerning the affairs | Gen. Francisco Villa did not take of the District, and, second, that he lunch yesterday with Gen. Eugenio might counsel with and advise us on Benavides, of his staff, in a Torreon Gen. Francisco Villa did not take an inquiry cafe, as he had promised; nor did he dine there. It is doubtful whether he will get into the city today. The fact that Villa, after taking Go-

mez Palacio, was not able to proceed to Torreon, has caused Huerta sympathizers to suggest that perhaps the retreat of the federals, reported in staff dispatches yesterday, was merely a (Continued on Second Page.)

been responsible for this long absence from home."

Rabbit Opposes Reward.

bers of my family are slain in large numbers by huntsmen?" asked Br'er Rabbit. "Isn't Br'er Otter just

as able to take care of himself as I am. He is bigger than any of my family. I shall certainly object to offering any such reward."

Theft Is Suspected.

Br'er Otter occupied one of the

smaller but most complete individual estates at the zoo. His residence occupied a small knoll near the rear

occupied a small knoll near the rear of the grounds, in front of which was a stretch of lawn and further the street of the stree

was intact. The zoo officials say the only was for the otter to have gotten out was for some one to have entered the grounds at night

midnight concert of the sea fions for

But as ofters are not particularly friendif little animals, especially to strangers, they are nuzzled to know just how it all happened.

and taken advantage of the res

Who offers a reward when mem-

MINISTER OF POREIGN AFFAIRS ROJAS. Who is slated to succeed General Huerta as provisional president of Mexico

LIVING COST HERE

Kenyon Resolution Provides Committee of 100 Will Send \$6,000 for Investigation of Wages in Capital.

ing of wage earners in the District will, Senate as the result of favorable action of the situation around that stronghold by the Education and Labor Committee today on the Kenyon resolution for such

Sepator Kenyon reported the resolution to the Senate this afternoon, and it went to the calendar. It would have been passed at once had not Senator objected to consideration. Senator Kenyon, however, expressed tion at an early date.

tion at an early date.

The resolution carries an appropriation of \$5.000. The proposed investigation is to be conducted by the Department of Labor. The National Consumers' League is strongly urging the investigation because it wants to find out what it costs women employes to live, and then to attempt to ge a minimum ware law. mum wage law.

The investigation, however, will take on a much wider scope than this. It will ascertain what it costs the typical family of the wage-earner to live, and the findings will be of value throughout the country. The inquiry will not apply to Government employes.

Among the

Has Aroused Zoo Miss Eleanor Wilson Is

resterday, and following the example of her sister, Jessie, on a similar trip to New York, she kept secluded.

Search for Miss Wilson at the Waldorf-Astoria, where she stayed on preThomas Johnson. dori-Astoria, where she stayed on he-vious visits, at the home of Miss Mar-jorie Brown, an intimate friend of the Wilson girls, and at the home of Mrs. George Howe, the President's niece, in New York, failed to locate her. offering any such reward."

This may or may not be a verbatim report of what happened at the Animal Congress today, but, nevertheless, it is a fact that one perfectly good sea ofter has been stolen or strayed from the National Zeological Park here. The ofter was regarded as a valuable specimen, and every effort is being made by officials of the zoo to recover the animal.

Yeggs Loot Postoffice After Imprisoning Dozen

liotel and twelve guests in their rooms they could not give an alarm, yeggmen early toda; blew the sate of the postoffice at New Concord and escaped with money and stamps. A posse was formed and bloodh-unds

Was Worth \$4,000,000;

PORTLAND, Ore., March 25.-Walter Greer Campbell, who three years ago had a fortune of more than \$4,000,000. vas arrested here was arrested here on a charge of ob-aining money under false pretenses in San Francisco. The police found \$100,000 in gold certificates in his

ASK CO-OPERATION OF 200 SOCIETIES

Requests for Nation-Wide Support of Organic Act.

Co-operation of 200 national organizations having headquarters in other in all probability, be ordered by the cities, in the country-wide campaign to maintain the present fiscal relation between the Federal Government and the District, is sought by the Com-mittee of 100.

Beginning with the large patriotic bodies, the subcommittee will direct letters, with copies of its report, to each of these organizations, and to individual members to exert all influ-ence possible upon Congress to pre-vent passage of measures inimical to the organic act.

Kabansky Is Indicted For First Degree Murder

Herman A. Kabansky, who shot his wife, his mother-in-law and a small brother-in-law at the home of his father-in-law at 1816 Seventh street last the girls became hysterical. Several week, was indicted by the grand jury today on a charge of murder in the first degree. The indictment is based on the death of the mother-in-law, Lens

Robay,
Among the witnesses before the grand
jury were Abraham Robay, father-inlaw of the defendant; Samuel Robay,
Bessle Robay, and Dr. White. Buying Her Trousseau

An indictment also was returned against Fred Meyers, allas Webber, alias DeAtley, on a charge of grand larceny. It is alleged that he took a tray of diamonds belonging to Francis R. Hillyard, a jeweler, on February 25. Other indictments found were: Grand larceny, Alfred Hirsch; housebreaking and larceny, Carl Norris and Joseph

President Will Review Troops at Fort Myer

President Wilson has accepted an invitation to review the exhibition will at Fort Myer next Friday night and Secretary of War Garrison will ZANESVILLE, Ohio, March Z.—After Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. The locking the proprietor of the National last of the series of Friday afternoon drills at the fort will be given April 3. An addression fee will be charged for both drills this week, the pro-ceeds going to aid the Army-Navy Y. M. C. A., in giving its military horse show the latter part of next menth. So many have been unable to attend the afternoon drills that the

Arrested as Fugitive Hevenor Divorce Jury

iding her apartment undressed, a jury \$100.000 in gold certificates in his pockets

Campbell left his wife and child in San Francisco on March 9. When he did not return she scarched their rich husband, Harvey H. Hevenor, New pawn tickets for the family silver.

Jaming her apartment undressed, a jury in Supreme Justice Giegerich's court here today returned a verdict favoring Mrs. Grace Hevener in the absolute divorce suit brought against her by her rich husband, Harvey H. Hevenor, New York representative of the Louisland Lumber Company.

KANN'S STORE

Cylinder Head of Engine Blows Off and Live Steam Takes Life of Engineer—Coolness Saves Panic of Shoppers.

Firemen Carry Victims From Engine Room Through the Scalding Vapor—Praise for Work of Store Employee.

One man was killed and three others fatally scalded shortly before noon today when a cylinder head blew off a big engine in the basement of the department store of S. Kann, Sons & Co., Eighth street and Pennsylvania avenue. filling part of the main floor with a dense cloud of steam and causing much excitement among the hundreds of shoppers and employes in the establishment at the time. Alexander Cragie, an oiler, thir-

ty-one, of Charles and Williams streets, Brentwood, Md., died in Emergency Hospital at 12:30. The other three who were scald-

ed and who, according to doctors at Emergency Hospital, will die.

Harry Russell, assistant engineer, thirty, of 501 N street southwest. William Starks, colored firems

of 69 P street northwest. Benjamin Archer, colored fire-

man, Anger avenue southeast. All were horribly scalded from the waist up by the live steam and were unconscious when taken to

the hospital. According to persons who were in the store at the time, there was no loud explosion, but a noise that resembled a dull, heavy thud, followed by a shock that caused the

entire building to vibrate. A moment later steam commenced pouring up the stairway leading from the engine-room and enveloped the rear part of the store in a cloud.

Coolness Averts Panic.

There was a rush for the doors on the part of the shoppers, while many of employes prevented a panic by taking up places at the door, and prevented rowding on the part of shoppers who were making a dash for the street, and calmed the clerks and younger girls who had become excited. An alarm of fire was immediately sounded. Deputy Chief Sullivan and

engine No. 14 responded. Steam was pouring from the grating in the sidewalk on the D street side of the building, directly over where the cylinder head blew out. Starks and Archer had managed to crawl near this grating where their cries for help could be heard. Deputy Chief Sullivan led the firemen down a narrow iron stairway to the steam-filled engine room, where they finally reached the four men that carried them through the steam up he almost perpendicular ladder to the

In the meantime, calls had been sent to the Emergency and Casualt-Hospitals for ambulances, but it was realized that the four men were in a critical condition, and passing automobiles were pressed into se carry them to Emergency

where all arrangements had been made by telephone to receive them Russell's Daughter Faints.

The condition of the men when they reached the hospital was such that the surgeons could do nothing for them. Esther Russell, daughter of Harr

tussell, is employed in house furnishing department of the store. Fearing the worst when she head the explosion in the engine room, she fainted when told that her father had been badly burned. All the fire gongs in the store were sounded immediately, and the wide aisless and the large number of exits on the Gives Verdict to Wife

NEW YORK, March 25.—Although twenty witnesses swore against her, some that she was in the habit of par-

Shoppers who were in the store were oud in the praise of the way in which the employes met the emera ency and prevented a panie.

Police Sergeant Emerson and Detectives Warren, Vermillion, Grant, Messer, and several other Central Office n, as well as Patrolman Currier, of